

REMARKS

This supplemental response is intended as a full and complete reply to the Office Action dated February 18, 2010, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 18, 2010.

Claims 1-4 and 131-140 are currently pending in the Application.

Claims 5-130 have been previously cancelled.

Claims 141-144 are withdrawn by way of this response.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that the previous response overcomes the stated rejections presented in the previous Office Action dated April 28, 2009. Applicant again wishes to thank Examiner Colbert for the time taken to discuss the application at issue, and for the Examiner's indication that the claims, as amended per the Supplemental Response filed November 17, 2009, are allowable over the art of record.

Election/Restrictions

The Office Action required restriction under 35 USC §121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 131-140; and
- II. Claims 141-144.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, relating to Claims 1-4 and 131-140. Accordingly, claims 141-144 have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the application now stands in prima facie condition for allowance and courteously requests that this application be advanced to issue. The Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fees are required. However, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby respectfully authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account Number 13-2166.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicant's representative at 713-355-4200, to discuss any matters that may arise, where such discussion may resolve such matters and place this application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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